

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

200 CARLTON AVENUE • WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge them before my Father." —Matthew 10:32



Parish Office/Rectory----- 908-689-0058

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Website----- stjosephwashingtongnj.org

Open Monday - Friday...

9:00 am - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

After 4:00 pm, by appointment only.

Parishioner on the Move
Please notify the Parish Office.

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester, M.Div., M.A.----- *Pastor*

Rev. J. Michael Venditti, M.Div. ----- *In Residence*

Edmund M. Hartmann, Jr.-----*Deacon*

Sylvan H. Webb -----*Deacon*

Laura A. Torres----- *Parish Secretary*

Mrs. Joyce Rock----- *Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)*

Shirley A. Firling ----- *Director of Sacred Music*

James Mc Aloon----- *Pastoral Council Chairperson*

Mary Jane Lusardi ----- *Trustee*

Patti-Sue Rolak ----- *Trustee*

Anthony Tomeski ----- *Web Master*

Bob Opdyke----- *Finance Council Chairperson*

Jose Santiago-----*Cemetery Committee Chairperson &
Hispanic Committee Chairperson*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / 908-689-0093

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6a, 7a, 8a

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Grades: 1b, 2b, 4b, 5b

7:00 - 8:15 pm / Grades: 6b, 7b, 8b

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY / 908-689-0058

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SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

Saturday Vigil-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----7:30 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass----- 9:30 am

Daily Mass ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 9:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are requested to attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to the birth of the child. Please pre-register with the parish office. The sessions are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Baptisms are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:30 am at the church.

Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm and Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:00 pm in the reconciliation chapel.

Sponsorship/Eligibility Forms

Only registered and practicing Catholics can receive a letter attesting to their sponsorship eligibility. One must request the form from the parish office prior to being a sponsor. The form will then be mailed or picked up at the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning marriage are requested to make an appointment with the Pastor. Arrangements should be made one year in advance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Saint Joseph Church, are brothers and sisters in Christ. Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the nourishment of the sacraments, we are called to love and serve in His name. We will promote the Kingdom of God to all, through education, witness, service and worship, by giving of our time, talents and treasures.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday	January 1 <u>Solemnity of Mary,</u> <u>Mother of God</u>
11:00am	People of the Parish
5:00pm r/o	Barbara McAloon Husband, Jim
Sunday	January 2 <u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>
7:30am r/o	+Josephine Ciszkowski The Lopez Family
9:30am (Spanish)	People of the Parish
11:00am r/o	+Mary Zajac Altar Rosary Society
Monday	January 3
9:00am r/o	+Deceased Members of the Hudock Family Maryellen Hudock
Tuesday	January 4 <u>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
9:00am r/o	+Josephine Ciszkowski Ann Krouse
Wednesday	January 5 <u>Saint John Neumann</u>
9:00am r/o	+Mel & Mary Williams Ann Daugert
Thursday	January 6
9:00am r/o	+George & Theresa Bishop Family
Friday	January 7
9:00am r/o	+Agnes D. Melious Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Saria Adria, Willie Baker, Karole Bradunas, Benjamin Boschen, Alexis Capozzoli, Phyllis Chiappa, Kathy Chiarulli, Arsenia Del Rosario, Jill Dubay, Gerry Farhan, Anthony Francisco, Joseph Gallagher, Julie Galloway, Francine Gore, Charles Hemsel, Donna Hewa, Jane Jenkins, Nina Lopez, Barbara McAloon, Ann McComb, Robert Meleo, Denise Melious, Emma Parrales, Charles Roseberry, Marilyn Russo, Jose Santiago, Sr. Albert Schaare, Barbara Schaare, Dave Scott, Dawn Scott, James Todd, Frances Wadnik, Woody Wagner, Daniel Walker, Bill Wargin, Emma

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:

Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)	\$8,396.06
<u>Weekend of December 11 / 12</u>	\$5,299.00
Electronic Giving	2,401.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	3,576.00
Other Income	500.00
Total	\$11,776.00
Surplus /(Deficit)	\$3,379.94
<u>Weekend of December 18 / 19</u>	\$6,280.00
Electronic Giving	1,259.00
Christmas Flowers	1,145.00
Bingo Income	644.50
Other Income	203.55
Total	\$9,532.05
Surplus /(Deficit)	(\$1,135.99)

The Office will be **CLOSED** all day on Monday, January 3, 2022.

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible about the upcoming celebration of our parish's 150th Anniversary because it just became settled this past week.

The very first time Mass was celebrated in our parish was St. Joseph Day, March 19, 1872. So, this coming year we will celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary at St. Joseph's Day. The bishop is not able to be here on March 19 itself so **we will observe the anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio on SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 at 11:00AM.**

That is a Sunday within Lent, but because of the special anniversary the Bishop has given us his permission to celebrate Mass that day in honor of our patron, Saint Joseph.

Mass will be followed by a reception for everyone in the Parish Center.

Please plan now to be around that weekend and to come celebrate with our bishop the conclusion of 150 years of Catholic presence in Washington.





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

A Christmas message from Bishop James F. Checchio has been published in the Dec. 23 issue of The Catholic Spirit. His message is available as a PDF and as a Word document and will also be made available on the diocesan website here: diometuchen.org.

SYNOD 2023: 40 HOURS & LISTENING SESSIONS

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on Sunday, January 23, and ending on Tuesday, January 25, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. In our Deanery this will take place at St. Philip & St. James in Phillipsburg. This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: diometuchen.org/synod2023.

RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON BUS TRIP

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will run a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ, on Friday, January 14, 2022. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, at 9:30 a.m. The Rally at the State House will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The bus will then bring participants back to the Diocesan Center between 2 – 2:30 p.m. The bus ride is free of charge, but registration is required. To reserve a seat, please visit: diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity. If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.

FROM THE PASTOR



As we begin a New Year my wish and my prayer for all of you and yours is that God will bless you with abundant happiness, safety from all harm, good health and peace in your lives.

Today we keep the solemnity of the Epiphany. Traditionally, this feast would fall on January 6 marking the traditional "12th Day of Christmas" which in many places is referred to as "Little Christmas". In many parts of the world it is the custom to give gifts on the Epiphany rather than on Christmas because of the gifts brought to Jesus by the Magi.

In the roman Catholic Church, which is always tinkering with the liturgical calendar, it was decided that rather than have another holy day of obligation in the midst of a season of a lot of church-going the Epiphany may be celebrated on the Sunday that falls in between January 2 and January 6 so people could celebrate it on a Sunday when they are already coming to Mass. So, in some countries—including the USA— that is what was decided to do.

This day celebrates the idea that Jesus was shown or manifested (the meaning of the word "epiphany") as the Messiah to all the nations, represented by the three Magi. It extends the proclamation that the Messiah has come beyond the children of Israel to encompass the entire world and all of God's children.

In many ways, if you think about it, it's the perfect thing to proclaim at the start of a New Year: the Lord is near!

Happy New Year! Merry Christmas! Keep the Faith!

